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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
8 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
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10 CROSSFIT, INC., a Delaware  
11 corporation,

12 Plaintiff,

13 v.

14 NATIONAL STRENGTH AND  
15 CONDITIONING ASSOCIATION, a  
16 Colorado corporation,

17 Defendant.

Case No.: 14-CV-1191 JLS (KSC)

**ORDER DENYING MOTION TO  
FILE DOCUMENTS UNDER SEAL**  
(ECF No. 229)

18 Presently before the Court is Plaintiff's Motion to File Documents Under Seal, (ECF  
19 No. 198). Plaintiff seeks to file under seal:

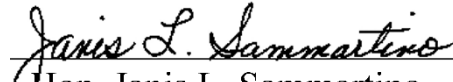
- 20 1. Plaintiff's *Ex Parte* Application to File a Sur-Reply to Defendant's Motion to  
21 Amend the Scheduling Order to Allow Designation of Expert Witnesses;  
22 2. The Declaration of Justin S. Nahama in Support of Plaintiff's *Ex Parte*  
23 Application; and  
24 3. Exhibit A to the *Ex Parte* Application, which includes: (1) Plaintiff's proposed Sur-  
25 Reply, and (2) the Declaration of Justin S. Nahama with exhibits attached thereto;

26 Plaintiff does not seek to file under seal only portions of these lengthy documents,  
27 but seek to seal the entirety of all of the documents. Plaintiff must present compelling  
28 reasons to overcome the strong presumption of public access to documents. *Ctr. for Auto*

1 *Safety v. Chrysler Grp., LLC*, 809 F.3d 1092, 1096–98 (9th Cir. 2016); *Foltz v. State Farm*  
2 *Mut. Auto Ins. Co.*, 331 F.3d 1122, 1135 (9th Cir. 2003). “[G]eneralized information is not  
3 likely to meet the compelling reasons standard of sealing, and [a party] must avoid this  
4 general information when applying its redactions to propriety information.” *Obesity*  
5 *Research Inst., LLC v. Fiber Research Int’l, LLC*, No. 15-cv-595-BAS (MDD), 2017 WL  
6 5001287, at \*5 (S.D. Cal. Nov. 2, 2017) (collecting cases). The Court finds it is plausible  
7 there may be information in one or more of the above documents that warrants sealing, but  
8 Plaintiff has failed to present compelling reasons that the entirety of each of the documents  
9 warrant sealing. Thus, the Court **DENIES WITHOUT PREJUDICE** Plaintiff’s Motion  
10 and **GRANTS** Plaintiff leave to amend its motion to file documents under seal. *See Obesity*  
11 *Research Inst., LLC v. Fiber Research Int’l, LLC*, No. 15-cv-595-BAS (MDD), 2017 WL  
12 3269211, at \*2 (S.D. Cal. July 31, 2017) (holding the same). Plaintiff’s revised Motion  
13 must specify portions of the documents that present compelling reasons for sealing.

14 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

15 Dated: March 7, 2018

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17 Hon. Janis L. Sammartino  
18 United States District Judge  
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